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### AMENDMENT WITH RCE

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 7, 2004 (Paper No. 19), finally rejecting claims 1, 3-4, 14, 16, 18, 20-21 and 27-36. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by August 7, 2004. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the period of response to October 7, 2004. Please amend the above-specified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.